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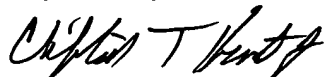
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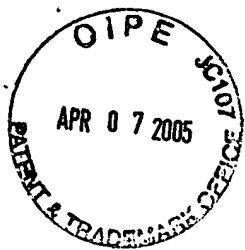
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Re: Calvin Lee Mitchener
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For Cleaning Gutters

On behalf of my client, Calvin Lee Mitchener, there is enclosed an amendment, responsive to the Office action of January 11, 2005, together with a receipt-acknowledging postcard.

Respectfully submitted,


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Response

Responsive to the Office action of January 11, 2005, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Cancel the paragraph on page 5, lines 10-14, and insert this replacement paragraph:

-- Figure 1 shows the workman W pushing the rod 19 and its rake 11 outwardly from the ladder L in the gutter G to a desired position P --, that is shown in Figure 2 - -. The desired position P was selected by the workman as being the most beneficial position to begin raking in some of the pine straw and debris D within the gutter on the left side of the ladder. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-12.

Insert the following new claims 13-16:

- 1 --13. (new claim, a rewrite of claim 9) A rod and rake for collecting debris in a
- 2 gutter having a plurality of spikes attaching the gutter to a roof,
- 3 a) the rake comprising a shaft extending axially from one end of the rod
- 4 and including a center tooth and two side teeth,
- 5 (i) the center tooth extending axially from the shaft of the rake,